

Since this accomplishment she has implemented and developed the WILD program. Every year, under the leadership of Ms. Brennan, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO sponsors the WILD Conference in New Brunswick, NJ. The conference brings key players together to address a wide array of questions of how unions help women and how women help unions. The conference is designed to ensure that union women will have the opportunity to be educated, develop leadership skills and build diversity within labor movements.

Ms. Brennan's WILD program began in March 2004 as a way to recognize International Women's Day. During the first year she brought together 75 women to spend the day at the Rutgers Labor Education Center. Over the years, the number of women attending the conference expanded to reach over 250 people.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO has been a leading proponent for workers' rights in our community. Representing a robust one million workers in our great state, the New Jersey AFL-CIO has an impressive record of advocating on behalf of working families. The Women in Leadership Development conference is a unique entity of the AFL-CIO. As Ms. Brennan's brainchild, WILD empowers women in unions. For the first time in its six year history, WILD will be bringing ten union women from the United Kingdom to compare efforts globally. This unique program not only benefits my community, but provides an exceptional foundation for women all over the world to use in the advancement of their careers.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the work of Laurel Brennan and the WILD program. Her advocacy for women in the labor movement has a lasting impact on many New Jerseyans and others. I am confident that Ms. Brennan and the WILD women will continue to inspire and benefit many others for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETURN OF THE 40TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION TO FORT HUACHUCA FROM IRAQ

#### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, congratulate and welcome home the remaining Soldiers of the 40th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, part of the 11th Signal Brigade, to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The battalion's 600 Soldiers began their deployment in December 2007. The men and women of the 40th Signal Battalion supported combat operations throughout the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom by providing secure communications and command-and-control networks for both U.S. war fighters and coalition partners. This was the third time the unit was called to war since the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan began.

This week the remainder of the 40th Signal Battalion returned home to a proud and grateful nation. They join other Soldiers from 11th Signal Brigade who returned to Fort Huachuca at the end of December from a similar mission in the Middle East. Together, the 40th Bat-

talion and the 11th Brigade Soldiers courageous and heroically completed their critical mission. They represent the best of Southern Arizona and our Army. As with all of our brave men and women, we are proud and appreciate their service to our nation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2910 E. 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

Description of Request: \$2,612,500 is received for Capital Metro's Paratransit Vehicle Replacement. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Capital Metro provides door-to-door van and sedan Para-transit service throughout Central Texas for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. This \$11.7 million (FY08 operating budget) program provides more than 500,000 rides each year. Capital Metro will be replacing many of the vans and sedans that serve this program, as they are retired during the coming fiscal year.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Temple Health & Bioscience Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 938 Canyon Creek Drive, Temple, TX 76502

Description of Request: \$381,000 is for the seed money to acquire a state of the art cyclotron and related equipment for the production of radioisotopes. Future funding requests may be submitted.

Cyclotron—\$2,350,000

Micro PET Scanner—\$265,000

Micro Lab—\$58,000

Lab Equipment—\$375,000

Shielding—\$32,000

Rigging—\$35,000

Building Construction \$425,000

Start-Up Funding—\$65,000

Misc. Expenses—\$17,000

Total—\$3,622,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southwestern University (Georgetown, TX)

Address of Requesting Entity: 1001 E. University Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626

Description of Request: \$466,000 is for the TLCC, which is an innovative national model for a biotechnology, life-sciences and nano-

technology center for recruiting and developing emerging companies. The faculty and students of Southwestern University will participate in research partnerships and internships using the requested laboratory equipment, wet lab, and nanotechnology clean room.

Budget: Key equipment and activities to be funded through this one-time federal request are as follows:

VWR Science Instruments—\$48,549

VWR Wet Lab—55,924

VWR Clean Room—29,839

VWR Conference Room and Equipment—31,882

NanoScience Atomic Force Microscope—101,058

Leeds Instruments Confocal Microscope—95,000

Applied Biosystems Mass Spectrometer—35,000

Ground Zero Anti-static Flooring—2,295

Ground Zero Installation—2,000

Guardian Power Generator—16,500

Guardian Generator Pad and Installation—7,500

Indirect Costs (15%)—63,832

Total—\$489,379

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas State University (Round Rock Higher Education Center)

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Description of Request: \$476,000 in funding will continue to support the efforts to establish a nursing program at RRHEC. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is an entirely new major for Texas State University only to be offered at RRHEC. Funding for equipment for the clinical and simulation laboratories and additional nursing faculty and staff for the simulations laboratories continues to be needed and FY09 funding will be used for the salaries for the nursing program personnel as well as the simulation lab equipment and operating costs. Future funding requests are expected.

FY09 Budget—\$1,500,000

Funding Request for Salaries and Benefits for Nursing Program Personnel—\$700,000

Director for Community and Continuing Education (1)

Administrative and Lab Staff (4)

Faculty (5)

Simulation Laboratory Equipment and Operating Costs—\$800,000

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Communities-in-Schools, Bell-Coryell Counties, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4520 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 106, Killeen, TX 76543

Description of Request: \$143,000 was secured for the Youngest Victims of War Project. The goal of the project is to continue to impact the lives of a minimum of 1,800 military children in a positive way by keeping them in school and focused on performing to their greatest potential. To accomplish this, the CIS staff focus on the following components while case managing students: Supportive Guidance

and Counseling, Educational Enhancement, Parental and Family Involvement, Enrichment Activities, Health and Human Service Coordination, and Employment Skills Training. These activities encourage academic excellence, promote positive self-esteem, stress community involvement, and promote growth opportunities for students and their families. Future funding requests are expected.

Budget breakdown for the project:

PERSONNEL: (\$628,943)

18 CIS Site Directors @ \$30,603 annual salary = \$550,854

(each Site Director will case manage a minimum of 100 students)

1 Data Entry Spclst @ \$20,912 annual salary = \$20,912

10% Fringe for 19 these positions = \$57,177

(7.65% FICA and Medicare and 2.35% Organizational Insurance—W/C, Professional Liability)

PROGRAM EXPENSES: (\$22,464)

Currently, the average cost for overseeing CIS Campus operations is \$1,248 per campus. With an addition of 18 campuses, the total cost will be \$22,464. This cost covers the coordinated services as mandated for CIS by the Texas Education Agency by: 1) providing documentation to report program progress, 2) supervising CIS campus staff, 3) collaborating with ISD and campus administrators to maximize program success, and 4) overseeing the coordination of resources for students and their families.

TOTAL COST: \$651,407

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Temple, TX

Address of Requesting Entity: 2 North Main Street, Suite 306, Temple, TX 76501

Description of Request: \$500,000 was secured for a wastewater Interceptor that will enable the construction of approximately 9,000 feet of wastewater main line and 11,500 feet of wastewater interceptor. \$50,000 will be spent on a Preliminary Design, \$155,000 on the Final Design, \$10,000 to Bid & Award construction, \$1.7 million for construction, and \$85,000 for construction administration. The federal government has provided \$500,000 of the \$2 million price tag. The requesting entity will provide the required funding match.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Corps of Engineers—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Address of Requesting Entity: 409 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515

Description of Request: \$2.85 million in the O&M account for the Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (SWF) to repair three parks surrounding Stillhouse Hollow Dam and Lake which were devastated in June 2007 during massive rains and flooding.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Title 16

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

Address of Requesting Entity: 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Austin, TX 78767

Description of Request: \$1 million to assist in stretching available potable water resources by combining several current and future projects into a Williamson County Regional Reuse System. Total project cost is approx. \$24 million. Federal share cannot exceed 25% of that amount. The local communities provide the remaining 75%.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tarleton State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1333 W. Washington, Stephenville, TX 76402

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1.5 million to establish a rural law enforcement information technology and anti-terrorism service at Tarleton State University. On an annual basis, approximately 28.4% will be used for salaries and benefits; 7.9% for travel for training and meetings with agencies; 1% for equipment; .7% for office supplies; 5.4% for consulting for steering committees; 54% for database records management and assistance; and .3% for meeting expenses and teleconferencing.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Austin

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I have requested an earmark of \$350,000 to complete phase 1 of a security camera system for pedestrian-heavy and crime-ridden areas of the City of Austin. The initial build out will include 2–5 cameras, with the capacity to expand to a 20–100 camera system. The cameras will be able to capture and transmit real-time video footage and have high-resolution, outdoor pan/tilt/zoom, and low light vision capabilities. Approximately 60% of the grant funds will be applied towards design, hardware (including servers) and installation costs; the remaining 40% for software, installation and maintenance.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN R. CARTER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: NRCS, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas A&M University

Address of Requesting Entity: 113 Jack K. Williams Administrative Bldg., 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843

Description of Request: I have requested an earmark of \$333,000 to demonstrate the use of composted dairy manure, soil management, seeding, and erosion control structures to increase vegetation and reduce erosion on maneuver areas. Research results are documenting practice impacts on vegetation growth and water quality. In addition, the project is removing composted dairy manure from the North Bosque River watershed to help meet total maximum daily load requirements. Approximately \$188,700 will be spent on salaries and benefits; \$52,329 will be used for supplies and materials; \$6342 will go toward travel expenses; \$19,029 will be applied to equipment rental and contracts; and \$66,600 will be spent on administrative fees of the NRCS and AgriLife.

IN HONOR OF FRED SEARS, II

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Fred Sears, II. In a state with many “firsts” in its history, I am proud of the fact that Fred Sears will be the first recipient of the “Goldey-Beacom College Ethics in Business Award.”

As a native of Delaware, Fred’s career in the banking industry spanned 38 years and culminated with his serving as President of Commerce Bank. Since 2003, Fred has served as President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation where he oversees the management of 900 funds with more than \$230 million in assets and the distribution of \$15 million in grants annually. These charitable funds benefit all of us in Delaware.

However, Fred’s leadership at the Delaware Community Foundation is only a small glimpse of the impact he has had on our community. He has served on at least 56 boards, clubs or organizations over the past five decades. His leadership, guidance, counsel and support are sought by government entities, non-profits, sports programs, community groups, educational institutions, and businesses. His willingness to help others has no limit and we are all forever appreciative of what he has done to make our state a better place for everyone.

Leaders like Fred Sears come along once every couple of generations. His integrity and ethics are unsurpassed and he is a great example for others to follow. This is not the first time Fred has been honored or recognized for his good deeds. In 1977 the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Young Man of the Year Award. Since then Fred has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, the Wilmington Rotary Club, the United Negro College Fund, the NCCJ, and the Opportunity Center, Inc. Each time, these community organizations recognized Fred for his leadership and willingness to assist others.

I have known Fred for many, many years and I am most proud of being able to call him my friend. Individuals like Fred Sears bring about positive change, and when a small state like Delaware finds someone like him it allows us to show a nation how people working together can make the world a better place. I congratulate Fred on receiving the first ever “Goldey-Beacom College Ethics in Business Award” and thank him for his extraordinary service to Delaware.

HONORING RED CROSS MONTH

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise this March day to celebrate “Red Cross Month.” Since 1943, we have been celebrating March as Red Cross Month and promoting the services provided to the public by the Red Cross each day. The Red Cross has been at the forefront of helping individuals and families prevent, prepare for, and respond to large and small scale disasters for more than 127 years.